

Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Project

Council Principles

Approved by the Bellevue City Council on February 1, 2010.

The following Council Principles are intended to provide consistent direction over the course of this project. An over-arching consideration that cuts across all these Principles is the reality of fiscal constraints that limit the City's ability to fund major new infrastructure projects. To the extent that new infrastructure is needed to support potential land use changes, costs and ability to fund these improvements must be serious and early considerations.

1. Enhance the Eastgate corridor's economic vitality without degrading mobility in other parts of the City, and ensure that it continues to contribute to the diversity of the City's economic mix.
2. Retain and enhance neighborhood-oriented services and businesses, which are important to nearby residents of Bellevue and the adjacent Eastgate potential annexation area.
3. Improve linkages with Bellevue College, which may include land use and transportation strategies, as well as a variety of partnerships that benefit both the College and the City as a whole.
4. Better integrate land use and transportation across Eastgate, which may include consideration of transit-oriented development in portions of the area. Changes in land use should be informed by transportation opportunities and impacts. For example, the large Eastgate park and ride facility may create an opportunity for a transit overlay district, with well integrated land use and transportation performance. *[Text added]*
5. Continue to evolve Eastgate's transportation infrastructure to a high performing, multi-modal system, including coordinating with service providers on increased transit service to the area.
6. Increase connectivity across the Eastgate corridor, addressing the area's numerous barriers such as its limited street and non-motorized (both pedestrian and bicycle) network, and stand-alone developments.
7. Model environmental sustainability in planning for Eastgate's future, so that future plans for the area produce measurable environmental benefits.
8. Improve the Eastgate Corridor's urban design quality and coherence, recognizing the area as a major City gateway and prominent location on the Mountain to Sound Greenway.
9. Work to improve the performance of state facilities in the area – I-90 and its access points—which today create major issues for the City's land use and arterial system.